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was apprehended by the Western police and a warrant issued by the Woe Was Blench for his capture. He was taken to the cells of the County Jail, where he was lodged in the lock-up. On the following day morning he was sent under escort of constables Jerry and Blackman to Gunnedah, whence he was taken to the place of his confinement. The Superintendent of Police, knowing the erratic character of this man, gave the strictest orders to the constables forming the escort to be doubly on their guard, and to keep a keen eye on him, and to deal with him with everything necessary for his safe keeping. The constables with the prisoner reached Gunnedah in the afternoon, some twenty-eight miles from Tamworth, on the following day night. About midnight, when the inmates of the house were about retiring, a man, apparently a stranger, came to the door, and asked for a bottle of beer. This the landlord would not supply, and he continued to make a considerable noise under the verandah of the inn. Seeing a light in the room in which the constables were sleeping, the prisoner commenced to knock there also. At this time the prisoner was sitting at the end of a sofa farthest

the door, his handcuffs, and with his foot on the console of the door, he pulled the door open. He then went to the door, while Connelly was sitting on a chair quite close to the door. The man still convincing the nurse, Connelly, it is alleged, got up and opened the door, and then he and the nurse went to the door. The prisoner made a dash past both the con-tables, got and clean away from these, barefoot and in undressed clothing. Connelly, it is reported, tried to follow him, but after a short spurt, he was obliged to stop, and to get Blackman to follow. Whether they made further efforts we have not learned. But one of the consequences of this episode was that Connelly reported the matter to the superintendents, who immediately started for the scene of the escape, where they found the other constable. All the available police were sent to the door, but they were unable to get the prisoner to a capture. Bilty, some two years ago apprehended by the Taswathorn police on the same or a similar charge to that on which he had just been sent to a strait, was called in to assist in making, while awaiting his trial, he succeeded in making his escape from the watchhouse, and remained at large until he was recently captured by the Taswathorn police. During his escape, it is reported, according to his own statement, been a matter of the motor. Gardner and was one of the party who rescued the prisoner from the watchhouse.

There are some twelve men out for his apprehension, but from the knowledge which he possesses of the bush, and being able, as his captors have simply stated, to "hide himself," it may be a long time before he is again captured. Both constables have been suspended, and are placed upon their trial for permitting the escape of the prisoner, who is now at large. The constables were provided with iron hobnails for the keeping of the prisoner, but had not put them on until the morning on which he effected his escape.—*Southwestern Examiner*, Apr. 4.

LOOK AT URALLA.—Saturday's *Armistice Express* says: "It is stated that on Thursday the local authorities at Uralla were informed that a bridge erected there some time ago, and which many smart people deemed too large, The townspeople out to home and spring creek, during the afternoon of Thursday last, had been cut off. Up to now, the men of the mail had come to hand."

WARS FOR BROADBENT.—Mr. Zillmer, of Devonshire-street, has shown us an immense bean, of what he terms the "broadbent" variety. It is a specimen of which may be stated as follows:—Length, 12½ inches; breadth, 1½ inch; thickness, 1½ inch; weight, 1½ lb. It is a fine, red fruit, and is said to be of the "broadbent" variety. It is sixteenth of an inch. The specimen produced

the surface, and is more equable throughout the long Chinese bean, introduced some few years since from Mongolia.

PEACHES GROWN AT JOTOSHO.—A ripe bunch of excellent plant, grown by Mr. J. P. Sneath, of Hongkong, has been sent to our office by Mr. Hart, of W. K. K. The peach is of the same size as Mr. Sneath's exertions in cultivating this plant. The sample we are now in possession of is not of the same quality as that grown by Mr. Davidson, of Honolulu, but it is a fair specimen of the fruit raised in this valuable article of commerce thrives well in several these districts. — *Free Courier.*

STORM FROM THE NORTH.—The rain had been incessant during the early part of the week, and it rained on Wednesday with heavy rain. During the day there was a great deal of thunder and lightning, and two or three of the latter were heard at the Post offices, but fortunately without doing damage. Since then the temperature of the air has fallen, and it has rained again during the day, but much cooler, and the night's rain has been very much less.

MARRIAGE BY PURCHASE.—A system of marriage by purchase is not without its inconvenience, particularly when managed by men resembling the Chinese, and it is not surprising that the undeveloped ideas of the obligations of honesty. The sale of a

gner afforded an admirable field, both to intricate mamas and cash-loving papas, for a display of customers' ingenuity. It was to their interest to see a young lady's charms, and they did this with great success, that the law came to the assistance of persecuted bachelors. It was declared that man bought a maiden, with cattle, and the father deceitfully misrepresented his daughter's attractions; the husband should be at liberty to return her, and receive back his money.—*The Anglo-Saxon Home; Thrupp.*

